

**Request for Proposal
Therapist
Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Abusers**

I. Introduction

The Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) is seeking a therapist to provide prison based clinical services for the Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Abusers (VTPSA).

II. Program Description

The VTPSA is a cognitive-behavioral treatment program for convicted sex offenders. There are currently three institutional programs for male sex offenders. There are community based treatment programs in 11 counties. The major goals of the program are to help offenders (1) accept responsibility for sexual offending, (2) modify distorted thinking patterns, (3) enhance victim empathy, (4) control deviant sexual urges, (5) improve social competence, (6) develop relapse prevention skills, and (7) develop community support networks. The institutional and community based programs are a continuum and adhere to common philosophy and practices. The community-based programs are mandatory for participants, as detailed in their probation warrants, furlough agreements, or reentry plans. Supervision of the offenders is provided by the Department of Corrections and the probation and parole officers receive specialized training in how to supervise sex offenders.

III. Contractor Requirements

Preferred qualifications are as follows:

1. Master level psychologist, social worker or mental health counselor is preferred; licensed, certified, or registered in Vermont is required.
2. Experience in the treatment of sex offenders.

IV. Contractor Functions

1. Provide group therapy to designated sex offenders in the VTPSA prison based treatment program using program guidelines and manuals.
2. Provide documentation for designated sex offenders including risk assessment, treatment progress assessments, individual case plans, progress notes, treatment reviews, termination summaries and reports to the Parole Board.
3. Testify in court as required.
4. Participate in weekly treatment team meetings.
5. Consult with probation and parole officers.
6. Provide training and support services to family members and others during transition planning.

V. Financial Requirements

The successful applicant will be reimbursed according to educational background, training and experience.

VI. Location of Services

Services will be performed in the Southern State Correctional Facility located in Springfield, Vermont. The Contractor may be required to attend meetings or trainings at locations in Vermont as arranged for by the Department of Corrections.

VII. Contact

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